SAARC Nations put on forbidden list

1124. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some SAARC nations have recently been put on forbidden list;

(b) if so, the names thereof; and

(c) what are the compulsions for doing so?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, if persons from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka intend to participate in any international conference, seminar, workshop etc. in India, prior clearance of Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of External Affairs would be required. This is on security considerations.

Unilateral Ceasefire in J and K

1125. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the unilateral ceasefire announced by the Centre in Jammu and Kashmir was a failure in its objective; and

(b) if so, the details and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Ramzan Peace Initiative, commonly known as cease-fire, was essentially addressed to three sections. Firstly & principally the people of J&K, who have demonstrated on overwhelming desire for peace and whose response was very positive. Secondly the international community, whose response was equally good. But the response of the third section, i.e. terrorist groups, was not positive. The cease-fire has generated a great sense of hope and goodwill among the people and had resulted in